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2007-2008 Idaho 9th Grade Direct Writing Assessment

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I think the driving age in Idaho Should Be 15 so most kids don't have to ride a bus to school and so parents don't have to drive their kids everywhere and waste gas. I think at the age of 15 year should be mature enough to follow the rules of the road and be a safe driver and that would make parents happier not having to drive there kids everywhere. I think that Idaho Should not change the driving age to 18 because if we are not responsible enough to drive at the age of 15 or 16 then what makes you think that we will be responsible to drive at the age of 18.

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Driving is a responsibility not a privilege, and should be treated with the utmost respect. Whether it be someone's age or size, I believe that drivers licenses should be obtainable by teens under the age of sixteen, only when they are at their highest maturity level.

Now, to base license giveout on age is wrong in my perspective. Even at the age of sixteen, teenagers can still be very immature, and have no morals for safety. Yet again there are fourteen and fifteen year olds that are very mature for their age, and should be given a shot early if they are capable enough.

Then there is my side of the argument. Which is that teachers and parents should give a recommendation for kids under sixteen, and whether or not they are mature enough to drive or not. I believe that if you are under eighteen, capability of driving should be based on overall maturity and values.

Finally, the worst thing any state could base

licensing on is size. No matter what your height you should be permitted to take drivers training, and obtain a license. I've heard of situations, when a short sixteen year old, was reduced to take the exam, because his head was not quite over the dashboard. Companies have technology and equipment to help situations like this one.

In conclusion, license give out should not be based solely on age at all. Whether it be someone's age ~~or~~ or height, I believe licenses should be obtainable by ages under sixteen, if they are at a high maturity level.

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Your palms get sweaty. You grip the steering wheel and your racing heart skips a beat as the engine roars to life. It's your first time driving and you are thrilled. However, one often forgets the purpose of driving: transportation. The conflict of teenagers driving should not be based on age but individual needs, personal maturity, and the education and enforcement of driving laws that are involved, and the driving age should remain 16.

Most people in Idaho need to drive. The reasons for families and individuals driving are as different as the cars these people drive. In my family, we need to go to school, work, the grocery store, music lessons, etc. Also, teenagers can play an important part in keeping family schedules stable and in allowing everyone to get to where they need to be. If my brother, who is age 17, couldn't drive, my mom would have to drive me to school. This would be inconvenient because my brother and I go to the same school. Furthermore, youths who live on farms can get their licenses early in order to help their families. Is an urban family much different? We have needs as well.

Next, maturity is the main concern, not age. One teenager acts differently from another. Some may abuse driving privileges and others will not. I should not be penalized for another's wrong doing. Also, some adults abuse driving privileges as much or more than a teenager. Some will drink and drive and end up killing themselves or others. Maturity is personal and limits should not be imposed upon everyone.

Finally, such matters should be resolved with education and law enforcement. If bad drivers

are wanted off the road, driver's education needs to single out these drivers. That is why it exists! Also, the quality of instruction should be improved, and we should begin teaching (but not driving) at an earlier age. Furthermore, the current system of enforcing driving laws works well and is appropriate. Those who break laws get tickets, or other forms of punishment. The laws should punish bad driving drivers but they should not punish the innocent by putting restrictions on everyone. Problems should be resolved early with education and, if not, later with law enforcement.

In conclusion, the needs of individuals should not be ignored. If bad drivers are needed off the road, take them away. However, let the good drivers go. These individual needs and maturity should be recognized and dealt with accordingly.

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I believe that sixteen is the appropriate age for the teen's mind and body to be able to drive. This is because we all mature around eighteen years of age. But sixteen is a better one so we can be tested on how well we make decisions.

Reason one we all mature at different rates and stages. There is no reason for us not to say that we are maturing enough to drive at age sixteen. Some of us are clearly not ready for the responsibility of driving.

Reason two don't think we aren't responsible because we all have a responsible level some higher than others but that's just human.

Reason three how do you afford the car? Should you ask your parents, no you should just earn the money yourself. It would take me about two years to afford it. I would walk, wash and sit for people's pets. I would also babysit, work, jockeys, wash cars, mow lawns, and yard sales.

Plans you need a parents consult first so you get it.
I conclusion sixteen is the age
that I want to have a house. It will give
us the time we need to mature. We will be able
to make our own decisions. Give us
us time to get the money and consult we
will need for a car.

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In Idaho, the legal age to get your license is 16, but as to the changing of ~~the~~ that law to 18, I do not agree. First of all, not all teenagers are irresponsible drivers. Yes, occasionally, there are those few teens who are reckless on the roads, but as to the many who drive safely and responsibly, I do not believe it is fair to punish them for ~~other~~ their peers mistakes. And second, it would make it even more difficult to get a job, because; A, you wouldn't be able to drive yourself to work, possibly resulting in ~~loss~~ the loss of your job; and B, not all parents are home after school to give you a ride.

I do not agree with stereotyping and, believe it or not, stating that all teens are irresponsible is a stereotype. Just because there are teens who drive recklessly, it does not mean that all teens are going to follow in their ~~path~~ peers paths. It is a privilege to be able to drive, but ~~not~~ to take that privilege away from those who do not abuse it would be to bring on extreme prejudice in both teens and possibly even parents.

It is my understanding that there is both a written and driving test to drivers education. If you want it safer on the roads, I suggest that students and adults alike take it until they get one hundred percent on both. I also suggest that every time you get caught ~~driving~~ and given a ticket that they should take the test until they get one hundred percent on both as well.

There are complaints as to the damages that can be made in a wreck. My suggestion to this is that car factories stop using ~~such~~ such easily breakable material because it doesn't protect the passengers or the vehicle itself all too well. I suggest we go back to the materials that will protect those inside and outside the vehicles better than fiberglass.

~~Finally~~ There are many things that could motivate a teen to abuse driving; peer pressure, driving under the influence, etc., but ~~some~~ some of these things could be prevented without raising the age to drive.

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Even though there are a lot of great experiences in life, getting a drivers license is one of the best. People want to raise the age to eighteen. I disagree and this is why.

Changing the age would make soon to be sixteen year olds mad. I think that if you can see over the steering wheel and pass the driving exams, you should be able to drive.

So make 15 or a late 14 year old can drive that's my opinion. But should be responsible for insurance and tickets.

That's my opinion. I know it wouldn't be safe and that's why it's not the rule. They should not change the age its fine the way it is.

So I think every thing is fine and they should not change the age, they passed the test, they deserve to have a license

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You turn on the news and it says car crash caused by a young driver. Usually, that's all you see about crashes, but really, there are tons of other crashes caused by older people too. I think that they just put it into people's heads that sixteen is too young to drive, but really it's not. By the time you're sixteen you have usually gone through drivers ed, learned a lot of responsibility, and need your own way of getting around.

When you're 15 you've sat through the class and have learned a lot about driving. You've seen and heard all do's & don't's and know all the rules. Since you've gone through this class, drivers ed, then you should know everything about driving. I think if you have done this and have gotten at least an eighty percent on all the tests then you should be ready to drive.

Most people by sixteen have learned a lot about responsibility. You are usually aware of the world around you and have learned a lot about the issues that have and can go on by driving. Since people are aware of this, it usually makes them more cautious while driving, especially when just beginning. Most of the time when you are sixteen, you know not to do drugs and alcohol, especially when driving. If you do enjoy doing those things, then it's usually on your record, which proves you singly aren't responsible.

When you're sixteen you're hanging out with people a lot and going to parties and stuff, and you don't want your parents to have to drive you. You also want to be good at driving by the time you eighteen, because when you're eighteen you are on your own and have no one to drive you.

Driving takes time, so you should start when you're sixteen. You have gone through driver's ed by then, learned responsibility, and it's your main way of getting around.